

How is a Moodle course organized

MOODLE DOCUMENTATION

After logging in to Moodle, you are presented with the **My courses** page giving an overview of all courses that you are associated with.

Your students will see a very similar page except the list will contain the courses that **they** are associated with, one of which will be your course.

The image below shows a typical instructor's welcome page with only one course listed. The course title is in red, indicating it is available to students, a grey title indicates that the course is not yet available to students:

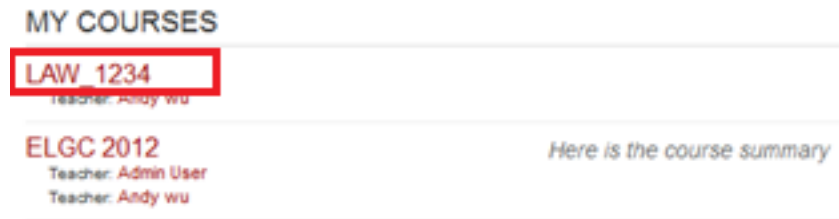
The screenshot displays the Moodle interface for Osgoode Course Websites. At the top, the Osgoode Hall Law School logo is on the left, and the text 'Osgoode Course Websites' and 'YORK UNIVERSITY' are on the right. A navigation bar contains links: 'Osgoode Website', 'MyOsgoode', 'Law Library', 'York Website', and 'My Courses'. The main content area is divided into several blocks. On the left, there is a 'Resources' block with a list of 9 items and a 'Settings' block with a link to 'My profile settings'. The central area features a 'MY COURSES' section with a red title bar. It lists two courses: 'LAW_1234' (Teacher: Andy wu) and 'ELGC 2012' (Teacher: Admin User, Teacher: Andy wu). The 'LAW_1234' course title is red, while 'ELGC 2012' is grey. A 'Courses' block is also visible on the right side of the 'MY COURSES' section.

On the left and right sides of your welcome page you will see several blocks with grey title bars. A **block** is a small area of a Moodle page that offers specialized functionality to the user. In the example above:

The **Resources** is a customized block that York has created to provide both Instructors and

Students with time sensitive information related to Moodle. The block detects whether the user is an Instructor or Student and displays content relevant to them. The Instructor can also see what view the student has.

Click on the Course Title to access the course



You will be brought to your Course Home page. The **Weekly Sections** is where you, as an instructor, will add your course content for students to access. The content area is broken down into sections, where you can group content depending on your course format.

After you click **Turn editing on** button on the top left, you can use the **Add a resource...** and **Add an Activity...** drop down menus to add content and activities.

The screenshot shows a Moodle course page for 'LAW_1234'. The top navigation bar includes links to 'Osgoode Website', 'MyOsgoode', 'Law Library', 'York Website', and 'My Courses'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > My courses > LAW_1234'. A 'Turn editing on' button is in the top right.

On the left, there are two main blocks: 'Navigation' and 'Settings'. The 'Navigation' block shows a tree structure with 'Home', 'My home', 'Site pages', 'My profile', and 'My courses' (expanded to show 'LAW_1234' with sub-items 'Participants', 'Reports', 'General', and 'test'). The 'Settings' block has a 'Course administration' section with options like 'Turn editing on', 'Edit settings', 'Users', 'Grades', 'Backup', 'Restore', 'Import', 'Reset', and 'Question bank', along with 'Switch role to...' and 'My profile settings'.

The main content area is titled 'WEEKLY OUTLINE' and displays a list of weekly sections with dates. A red box labeled 'Blocks' points to the top of this section. Another red box labeled 'Weekly Sections' points to one of the date entries in the list.

On the right side, there are three blocks: 'Search forums' (with a search bar and 'Go' button), 'Latest news' (with a link to 'Add a new topic...' and a note that no news has been posted yet), and 'Upcoming events' (with a note that there are no upcoming events and links to 'Go to calendar...' and 'New event...'). Below these is a 'Recent activity' block showing the last activity on Monday, 9 July 2012, 08:05 PM, and a link to 'Full report of recent activity...'. A red box labeled 'Recent Activity' points to this block.

The **Recent Activity** block will update automatically, informing participants that the course has been updated.

From the **Settings** block you can access your course administration, Assign users and access Grades amongst other functions. Please refer to the documentation on each of these items for more information.

Your view of the course page is very similar to what your students will see except they will only see the **Grades** and **Profile** options in the **Settings** block in the lower left. They will also not see the **Switch role to...** or **Turn editing on** options at the top right.